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In the application of:

Richard C. ALLEN, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/002,413

Filing Date: January 2, 1998

For: USE OF PIGMENTED RETINAL
EPITHELIAL CELLS FOR CREATION
OF AN IMMUNE PRIVILEGE SITE

Examiner: M. Wilson

Group Art Unit: 1632

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P O Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed December 12, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. A Petition for an Extension of Time of three (3) months until 12 June 2003 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.